37. Bombay City**
38. Pune Dist.

Orissa

39. Sundargarh Dist. *and* Rourkela City
40. Ganjam

Tamil Nadu

41. Kamarajar
42. PTT Sivanganga
43. Pudukottai

Uttar Pradesh

44. Fatehpur

West Bengal

45. Midnapur
46. Burdwan
47. Hooghly
48. Birbhum
49. Cooch Behar
50. Bankura
51. North 24-Parganas
52. *Pondicherry UT.*

NOTE.—Proposals at serial numbers 12, 32, 34 and 37 (marked**) have not so far been approved.

Performance of Autonomous Colleges

1609. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission proposed to set up a study team for evaluating the performance of the Autonomous Colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) UGC had appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Iqbal Narain, Vice-Chancellor, NEHU to review the implementation of the Scheme of Autonomous Colleges. The Committee submitted its report to the Commission in March, 1991. Some of the important recommendations of the Committee are:

— Keeping in view the objective of the Scheme which is to bring about major structural changes in the higher education system, it should be continued during the 8th Plan period.

— An appropriate mechanism should be established at the State level for effective monitoring of the Scheme.

— Immediate action should be taken for amendment of the Acts of the universities and formulation of Statutes to make an enabling provision for conferment of autonomous status on Colleges.

— The State Governments should not transfer the teachers from Government autonomous colleges and should also sort out the problems of increased work-load of teachers for these colleges, besides fulfilling the system of block grants for maintenance purposes.

— The State Governments and the universities should hold regular meetings with the Principals of autonomous colleges for coordination and resolving of issues.

— The University should accept the decisions of the autonomous colleges regarding new courses and flexibility in course combinations.

— The autonomous colleges should prepare perspective plans for development, activate Finance Committees as well as Planning and Evaluation Committees.

The Commission accepted the report of the Committee in its meeting held on 6th June, 1991 and agreed to continue the Scheme of Autonomous Colleges in the 8th Plan.

(c) Does not arise.